Introduced by Senator Padilla

February 23, 2007

An act to add Section 8239.5 to the Education Code, relating to preschool.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 944, as introduced, Padilla. State Preschool Programs: Child Development Division: data collection.

The Child Care and Development Services Act requires the Superintendent of Public Instruction to administer state preschool programs that include part-day and preschool appropriate programs for prekindergarten children 3 to 5 years of age, inclusive.

This bill would require the Child Development Division of the State Department of Education to compile, aggregate, and analyze the data it collects regarding the operation of state preschool programs and their effectiveness in achieving outcomes for participating children. The division would be required to make regular reports to the Legislature regarding that data.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 8239.5 is added to the Education Code,
- 2 to read:
- 3 8239.5. (a) The Child Development Division of the department
- 4 shall compile, aggregate, and analyze the data it collects regarding
- 5 the operation of state preschool programs and their effectiveness
- 6 in achieving outcomes for participating children.

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- (b) The Child Development Division shall make regular reports
 to the Legislature regarding the data described in subdivision (a).